From the Principal

The Cancer Council Australia asks all Australians to support Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday, 26 May. Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea is one of The Cancer Council Australia’s foremost fundraising events and is the largest, most successful event of its kind in Australia. More than a million people will participate in the event this year and they hope to raise over $7 million. The funds raised during Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea are vitally important. Donations sustain The Cancer Council Australia’s cancer research initiatives; education programs; and support services for those diagnosed with cancer, their families and carers. Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea for 2005 is registered with Guinness World Records to break the record for the ‘World’s Largest Simultaneous Tea Party’. The Cancer Council Australia is excited about this challenge and is confident that, with the Australian community’s support, they can enter the record books.

We are often made more aware of the reality of cancer when you know someone who has been touched by this disease. Recently one of our children from Prescott has been diagnosed with cancer. Brenden Stiles came to Adelaide with his parents at the beginning of the year having been transferred from Townsville for work. We have enjoyed getting to know Brenden (Gr 1) and Jai (Gr 6). Towards the end of Term 1 Brenden was diagnosed with cancer and is currently undergoing treatment. He will be absent from school for the remainder of this term and we look forward to his speedy recovery. We would ask you to remember the family in your prayers and we trust that God will give Tanya and Chris the strength they need as they deal with the ongoing hospital visits and associated treatment. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.

Just a reminder our Open Day will be held this Sunday. Parents are most welcome to come long and have a browse, or if you have friends or family who are interested in enrolling in the future, then feel free to invite them to the day. We look forward to a great time. Thank you to those families who have been able to support the various teachers in providing a variety of activities. We realise many take Sunday as a family day and we appreciate your commitment to the school by giving of your valuable time.

Have a great week.

Christine Clark

Calendar of coming events

**Monday, 23 May**  
Parent Information Session  
Self Esteem & Gifted Child – 7.30pm in Library

**Sunday, 22 May**  
Open Day 2-4pm

**Tuesday, 31 May**  
OSHC Management Committee  
2.15pm in Staff Room

**Wednesday, 25 May**  
Spelling & Writing Comp

**Tuesday, 31 May**  
Parent Information Session  
7.30pm in Library

**Thursday, 2 July**  
Maths Competition

**Saturday, 4 June**  
Prospect Church Service
COMING EVENTS

Open Day - May 22, 2-4pm
Please invite any friends or family that may be interested in seeing our school to come along on Sunday, May 22 between 2-4pm. Those students who have been asked to participate in activities, please check your communication books for instructions from your teacher.

Parent Information Session
Self-Esteem and the Gifted Child
Monday, May 23 at 7.30pm in the Library
This will be a practical session, taken by Christine Clark, that will show you how you can help your child in developing a positive self-esteem and the risks gifted children often face in developing healthy self-esteem.

Library Committee Meeting
Just a reminder that the Library Committee will be meeting on Friday, May 27 at 11am in the Library.

Parent Information Session
Developing Literacy Skills
On Tuesday, May 31 various staff members will be conducting a presentation for parents about the literacy program offered at the school. Parents will learn about the different levels of development in reading and writing and how they can help their children at home with this development. This presentation will be held at 7.30pm in the Library.

Pupil Free Day
Don’t forget to mark on your calendar that Friday, June 10, will be a Pupil Free Day to enable the teachers to spend time in report writing. This will make it an extra long weekend for you to enjoy.

Quiz Nite Postponed
Please note that the Quiz Nite that was planned for June 25 has had to be postponed until Week 1 of Term 3 due to the teachers having a Professional Development program to attend on June 26. Further details about the Quiz Nite will be available closer to the date.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Payment of Fees
It is expected that school fees for each term are finalised by the close of the term. If for some reason you are unable to pay your balance, please make an appointment to meet with the principal so that arrangements may be made.

Please note that ongoing enrolment is conditional on the payment of fees and we require you to make arrangements, if fees are a problem, to guarantee your child’s ongoing enrolment. We are reliant on your school fees to provide the finances to offer our educational program and we ask for your full cooperation in this matter.

Important Notice
Re Languages Other Than English Classes
At a recent meeting of the School Council a decision was made to change the Languages other than English program that is offered at Prescott Southern following a recommendation from the Non-Government Schools Registration Board. Our teachers of German and Polish have been Ethnic School Teachers and as such have been able to offer the programs for our children. However, due to changes in the Teacher’s Registration Board requirements, we are unable to use tutors to provide the Languages Curriculum unless they are registered to teach in schools within SA, an ethnic schools teacher not qualifying. Therefore from the beginning of Term 3 all children will be taught Japanese in their regular classrooms.

Valerie Volmannshauer and Graznia Urbaniec have been associated with the school for more than ten years and we have appreciated their commitment and involvement in the Languages program of the school. They would be very happy to provide language tutoring to children in German and Polish on a small group scale and a user pay basis. Rates will be determined once demand is ascertained. To assist parents in making a decision as to whether they can fit this expense into their budget the costs would probably be $5 per hour for group of 4 children; $10 per hour for group of 2 children or $10 per child for a ½ hour lesson. The language tutors would issue accounts on a term-by-term basis to you personally and they would not be part of the school fees.

If your child/ren would be interested, please complete the enclosed form. Please note in agreeing to this tutoring arrangement, children would be withdrawn from the class similar to private music lessons and they would miss aspects of their regular school curriculum.

Can You Help?
If you have any play dough tools or gadgets that you no longer need or use, Mrs Street would be very grateful if you could donate them for her to use. Please see Mrs Street or leave them at the office marked “Attention Mrs Street”. Thank you.
MS Readathon
MS Readathon is an exciting reading event where you can get lots of very cool rewards, just by reading and raising funds for people living with Multiple Sclerosis. Funds raised help provide essential support services for people with MS and their families and for research to find a cure.

If you are interested in participating in the Readathon you can register online at www.msreadathon.org.au or if you are unable to go online you can complete a registration form. Please see Mrs Street if you need a form. As soon as your entry is received you will be sent a Starters Pack. Then you can start asking the adults and older people you know to sponsor you.

MS Readathon officially begins on June 3 and reading must conclude on July 20. For those who have entered the Premiers Reading Challenge, the books you have read for that can be counted towards the Readathon. Completed forms and money is sent directly to the MS Readathon organisation and your reading rewards will then be sent to you. For all the information you want, please visit the website.

Lost Property
Mallory Kemp has lost her glasses. They have blue frames and are kept in a hard plastic case with a clear top. Reward if found. Please return to Classroom 7.

OSHC Mobile
Please note that the OSHC mobile phone is no longer in use. If you need to contact an OSHC staff member outside of OSHC hours, please call the OSHC landline (8381 1050) and leave a message. If the message is urgent, staff mobile numbers are on the answering machine message. For messages in regard to Before School Care, please call Ida’s mobile 0419 144 404.

Assembly Schedule for remainder of Term 2

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Monday mornings at 9am in the Church

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prescott College Open Day
Sunday, May 22 1-4 pm
Koonga Ave, Prospect
You are invited to come and see what Prescott College has to offer. See the enclosed flyer for details.

National Excellence in Teaching Awards
Our school has been invited to submit nominations for the National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NeiTA). This is our opportunity to acknowledge our outstanding teachers and teaching teams, to show our appreciation for their efforts, and give them a well-deserved pat on the back. Nominated teachers receive a congratulatory Certificate of Nomination and become candidates for ASG Community Merit and National awards and professional development grants and bequests for the school.

Nomination forms can be downloaded or completed online at www.neita.com. Forms are also available by phoning free call 1800 624 487. Nominations may be made by individual parents, the School Council, Parent Association, or community organisations. Closing date is Friday, 29 July.

FUNDRAISING

Class Fundraiser Lunches
Thank you to those parents who have supported the first of our lunches. Please keep checking your child’s communication book/diary for details of the next lunch. We appreciate the assistance of those parents who are able to help.

Please remember there are no Canteen lunch orders available on fundraiser days, except for items from Kids Kanteen.

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Family Portrait Fundraiser - Sunday, June 5
Time is running out for you to take advantage of this excellent offer. All booking forms, with money enclosed ($10), must be returned by TOMORROW (May 20). You will receive a 25x33cm colour portrait in a timber frame. An appointment card will be sent home next week.
SPORT FUN RUN

Last Thursday, May 12, all students participated in a special Fun Run. It was a lovely sunny day, perfect for being outdoors and many students commented on how they enjoyed being involved. Thank you to those parents who helped their children get sponsors, the money raised will go towards purchasing library books and readers. All money must be returned by Friday, May 27. There is a prize for the class that raises the most money as well as for the person with the highest amount. The winners will be announced at Assembly in Week 6.

Here’s what some students had to say:

“On Thursday, May 12, we did a Fun Run to help raise money for the school library. We got a free ice block and a hacky sack for doing it. I did 10 laps, which is 7km, within the 45 minutes”. Jackson

“On Thursday, the 12th of May, the whole school had to run around the campground for 45 minutes. I did almost 7 laps which is about 4.2km. It was hard but I enjoyed it.” Chelsea

“Last Thursday, we did a Fun Run. We had to raise money and run around the campground. Each lap was 0.7km and I did 5.75km. It was kind of tiring.” Kelly

“On the 12th of May our school did a Fun Run around the campground for 45 minutes. Each time we went around a corner we would get our Fun Run tags marked off. At the end we got yummy ice blocks and cool hacky sacks. It was a really fun day.” Alex

“On Thursday, the 12th May, the whole school went on a Fun Run to raise money for this school. Thanks to all the kids that raised money for our school.” Stevie-Leigh