From the Principal

Welcome back to a new school year and the beginning of school for some of the young children. A special welcome to our new staff and families who have joined us. We look forward to meeting with you at our BBQ and Information Night to be held in Week 4.

The theme chosen for this year is Reach Out, and as a community we wish to focus on the ways we as individuals can reach out. Our theme will include reaching out to God for support and guidance, reaching out to our families, school community and the world and reaching out to make a difference for the environment. I know as we embrace these areas in 2007, the children will be challenged to develop positive ways of integrating with their community and environment.

It is always an exciting time as we begin the new year...and this year is no exception, except we have been extremely busy as we have hosted our first Korean Study Tour. Twelve children in grades 5-7 attending an Adventist school in Korea have been attending our school and will return to Korea at the end of Week 2. They have been attending English classes, but have now joined the regular classes of the school for their remaining time at the school. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thankyou to the host families who have been very accommodating in meeting the needs of the students. Your willingness to be flexible has been greatly appreciated and ensured the group have had an enjoyable time.

I would like to take this opportunity to pass on our condolences and support for Bradley and Aimee Leaford whose mum (Jenny) passed away during the holidays. I know that as parents of this community you will do all you can in supporting Frank and the children at this time.

As we begin the new school year we look forward to God being our ever present Friend and Guide and may we know that He is with us as we journey through the 2007 school year.

Have a great week

Christine Clark
COMING EVENTS

Finishing Time Friday
Please note that due to the Swimming/Aquatics program, school will finish at 3.15pm (not 2.30pm) this Friday only.

School Council Meeting
The first meeting of the School Council will be held on Monday evening, February 12 at 7.30pm in the Staff Room.

Parent Information Session
Listening to Children Read
Tuesday, February 13
Classroom 8 at 9.00am
Mrs Enid Street will be holding an information session for those parents who would like to learn more about how to support their children in reading, to assist them in developing great reading skills.

Parents Information Night & BBQ
Wednesday, February 21
All families are invited to come along to our Welcome Back BBQ and Information Night. We would love you to come along and enjoy a BBQ tea with staff and other families at 6.30pm. Following this we will have our Parent Information Evening with the classroom teachers.

What to Bring: Meat/Vegetarian patties etc to BBQ
Fold-up Chairs

What’s Provided: BBQ’s Salads
Bread Sauce
Plates/Cutlery

What’s Available for Purchase: Cans of Drink
Ice Creams

If you plan to attend, please complete the enclosed form to assist us with catering. See you there!

Classroom Presentation Times
7.30pm—Classroom 1, 2, 4, 5, 10
8.00pm—Classroom 3, 6, 7, 11

Volunteer Training Sessions
All parents and friends who wish to volunteer within the school are required to attend a Volunteer Training Session. If you have not already attended one of these sessions and you wish to volunteer, please come along on Thursday, March 1 at 9.00am in the School Library.

After School Sports
Our school will once again be offering an after school sport program on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from Week 3 to Week 10. There will be no cost to parents and children will be supervised by a teacher, while being taught skills by qualified instructors.

The sports that are being offering in Term 1 include Tennis on Tuesdays and Netball on Wednesdays. If your child is interested in participating, please complete the enclosed consent form (both sides of page) and return it to school immediately. To participate, all students must be registered with OSHC but will not be charged OSHC fees if collected by 5.00pm. If you don’t regularly use OSHC and have not already completed a registration form, please collect a form from the front office.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

School Newsletter
Each fortnight, on a Thursday, you will receive a newsletter and other relevant information in your newsletter folders. Folders are sent home with the eldest child in the family. You are asked to remove and read the enclosed information and sign the front cover in the appropriate space. The folder is then to be returned to the Newsletter Return Box located in each classroom ASAP. You may use the newsletter folder to return any forms, accounts or information to the school. When collected it will be passed onto the appropriate staff member. Your cooperation in promptly returning your folders will be greatly appreciated.

Fill-In Forms
Enclosed you will find a booklet of fill-in forms regarding various activities through the year. Please complete the relevant forms and return in your newsletter folder or to the front office by the end of Week 2. Please note that some forms have writing on both sides of the page. Your cooperation and prompt response is greatly appreciated.

School Card
Application forms for School Card are enclosed. If you are eligible for School Card please complete the form and return to school no later than Friday, 16 February. If you need more information on school card, please see Trish in the front office.
School Fees
The Term 1 Fees statement will be posted to you shortly. To receive the 6% early payment discount, please make sure payment is made by Friday, 16 March. Otherwise your account is payable within 30 days. Prompt payment of accounts is always appreciated.

Lunch Orders
Our school does not have a canteen but we are able to order lunches from the Reynella South Canteen. Parents need to supply their own lunch bags. Student’s name, classroom and order need to be clearly written on the lunch bag with money enclosed. Orders need to be placed in the boxes provided in each classroom by 8.50am each day. The canteen price list that is enclosed has the current list of available items and prices, please refer to this list when ordering.

Late to School Procedures
In order to maintain appropriate records of student attendance we are changing our procedures for 2007 in regards to children coming late to school. School begins at 8.50 and it is expected that all children are at school at this time and enter the classroom when the bell goes at 8.50. If a child is not able to enter the classroom at this time, the parent/carer will need to take them to Classroom 8 on arrival, where office staff will require them to sign in their child and receive a notice from the office to hand to the classroom teacher. Thank you for your cooperation with this. This will begin from week 2.

School Uniform
As a school we would like to encourage all parents to support their children in ensuring they are wearing the correct uniform. This includes boy’s shorts being college grey polyester and not cotton board shorts, with shirts tucked in. Shoes are to be black polishable lace-ups or navy/brown sandals. Girls are to be wearing the new style summer dress from now on.

The uniform shop, located just past the OSHC building, is open on Wednesday and Thursday from 8.45am-9.15am and 3.00pm-3.30pm. Secondhand items also available and if you have uniform items that you no longer need that are still in good condition you can bring them to the uniform shop to be sold as secondhand. You might just have what someone else is looking for!

Monitoring of School Uniform
School Uniform compliance will be handled from the office in 2007. Children who are not in uniform and have a note from their parents will be required to come to Classroom 8 between 8.30 and 8.50 to receive a badge. Children who are young and travel on the bus or attend OSHC, will be supported by their classroom teachers in making sure they go to the room to receive their badge.

Children who are not in uniform and without a note will receive warnings, following which parents will be contacted and behaviour learning consequences implemented. As a school we are keen to support you as parents in ensuring your child wears the correct uniform and this will ensure there is communication between home and school as to the reasons for non-compliance of school uniform.

Koorong Kids
Enclosed is a catalogue from Koorong Bookstore with offers on Christian books, DVDs, music and other items at discount prices. If you would like to place an order, please complete the order form on the back page. Please return your order, with payment, to the front office no later than Friday, February 23. The school gets to keep 10% of all sales, so your support is greatly appreciated.

Book Club
Enclosed are catalogues from Scholastic Book Club. There is a catalogue for each age group with great bargains on a wide range of books. All orders earn points for the school to obtain books and resources for the library and classrooms. If you wish to place an order, please complete the order form on the back page of the catalogue and return to school with payment enclosed. Please note that payment can be made by cash (correct money please), or by cheque made payable to Prescott Primary Southern (not Scholastic) or by credit card (by following the instructions on the coupon on the back page). Any queries about ordering, please contact Mitsy Bullas through the front office. All orders must be returned no later than Friday, 16 February. Thank you for your support.

From Mrs Crowe
A big thank you to Kerrod Shoesmith and his family for donating a rabbit hutch for the science room. Anyone with a cage or aquarium they no longer need, please see Mrs Crowe. Thank you.
Please note our school timetable has changed for this year.

8.50am                               School Begins
10.00-10.30am                         Brain Food Time and PE with your class
12.00-12.30pm                         Lunch Play
12.30-12.45pm                         Eating of Lunch
2.15-2.30pm                           Afternoon recess

All classes will have a time in the morning where children will be able to eat fruit, vegies and cheese while they continue their class work. It is requested that foods sent along are “non-package” foods but rather fresh fruit and vegies. This will provide children with the optimum energy for learning at this important time of the day. If you have any queries please contact your classroom teacher.

School Assembly
School Assembly is held Monday mornings at 9.00am in the Church. Full School Assemblies will be held on even weeks and Junior School Assemblies on the odd weeks. Parents who are able, are welcome to attend Assembly.

Timetable for Term 1
Week 2           Full School            Classroom 5
Week 3           Junior School        Classroom 1 & 2
Week 4           Full School            Classroom 7
Week 5           Junior School        Classroom 10
Week 6           Full School            Classroom 4
Week 7           Public Holiday
Week 8           Full School            Classroom 6
Week 9           Junior School        Classroom 11
Week 10          Full School            Classroom 3
Week 11          Easter Monday

Tissues for the Classroom
Every student is asked to bring a box of tissues to be used in their own classroom throughout the year. While the school provides a certain amount, your contribution helps to ensure there is a constant supply of tissues for use by the students in their classroom (particularly useful in the colder months!) Your tissue box can be given to your child’s classroom teacher. Thank you.

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Classroom Teachers 2007
There was a little confusion at the end of last year in regards to the names of teachers sent home so for your reference, the following is the final list.

Reception:           Mrs Janet Peterson & Mrs Renee Possingham
Reception/Gr.1:   Mrs Jacqui Goding
Grade 1/2:           Mrs Liz Green
Grade 1/2:           Miss Dee (De’arne Chapman)
Grade 3:              Mrs Alison Borresen & Mrs Renee Possingham
Grade 3/4:           Miss Lisa Jeffery
Grade 4/5:           Miss Maryanne Till
Grade 5/6:           Mr David Warman
Grade 6/7:           Mrs Michelle Meyles & Miss Sara McLean

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guitar For Sale
If you are interested in purchasing a 3/4 size guitar for only $40, call Annette Paterson on 0411 440 689.

Old School Uniforms
It is great to see the girls in the new style summer dresses. If you have any old style uniforms still at home that are in good condition, we have a use for them. There is an orphanage in Kenya that would be grateful for any donations. If you have any old uniforms that you could donate, please leave them at the front office marked “Uniforms for Kenya”, by the end of Week 4 (February 23). They will then be delivered to the girls in Kenya in April. Thank you for your assistance.

From Morphett Vale Adventist Church
Adventurers-Ages 5-9 First-Saturday of the month from 6.30-9.00pm. Come along for games, crafts, singing, stories and lots of fun. Enquiries contact Liz Hill on 8322 3052.

Playgroup-Ages0-5-Thursday mornings from 9.30-11.00am in the Church Foyer. Come and meet some new friends. Enquiries contact Kate on 8322 9662.