From the Principal

Change is an inevitable part of life … and as the new year has unfolded we have seen children who have struggled to cope with the changes. For many children routines are comforting and will fight any change that may cause them to be challenged, and for this reason beginning a new school year can be extremely challenging for them. As a school, part of our role involves supporting children to respond appropriately to the various aspects of life and assist them in developing positive behaviours in managing their worlds. For this reason we have both a whole school and individual focus in the development of the socio-emotional needs of children. You will find enclosed in this newsletter a survey form, which you may find useful in your communication to us in regards to the support the school may provide for your child. Our small group and individual counselling sessions will begin from next week. We made the decision to delay these groups for term 1 to allow the teachers more time when all their class members were present and they could focus on building classroom relationships.

Traffic hazards have been apparent on the back road behind the school. Please note this is a one-way road. Unfortunately vandals have taken the signs, but we have these on order to be replaced. Please do not enter the back road from near Classroom 10 as the road is not wide enough for 2 cars. If you drop/pick up your child near the hall you will need to do a u-turn and exit the same way. We are aware that parking can be quite congested, but we would ask that you follow the flow of traffic, even though this may mean walking that little bit further with your child. Also please note that the Kiss and Drop line up in the front car park is a no parking zone and parents need to drive on if their child is not in the waiting tree area. We know it is difficult for parents with young children in the car to leave their cars so would suggest you drive out the back of the school and park for a few minutes giving your child time to get to the waiting tree. The safety and well being of all children is important to us all and we would appreciate your assistance in following the above.

Thank you for your support of the Information Night. We trust you found the evening helpful in understanding the class routines for your child.

Have a good week.

Christine Clark
COMING EVENTS

Clean Up Australia Day
Tomorrow, Friday March 2
Tomorrow each class will be allocated an area around the school to clear rubbish and tidy up. This is part of the annual Clean Up Australia campaign. It is an opportunity for students to learn about caring for their environment. It would be appreciated if each student could bring their own plastic bag and gloves.

School Council
The next meeting of the School Council will be held on Monday evening, March 19 at 7.30pm in the Staff Room.

Open Day—Change of Date
Due to other aspects of the school program it is necessary to change the date of the Open Morning to Tuesday, March 27.

Harmony Day
Wednesday, March 21
Once again the school will be celebrating Harmony Day to help students learn the importance of respecting individuals and their cultural heritage. There will be a whole school activity with each class making a contribution and the students will receive an orange Harmony Day ribbon to commemorate the day.

Sports Day
Thursday, March 22
Bowker Street Oval, Brighton
Children need to be either at school by 8.50am to travel to the oval by bus or down at the oval with parents at 9.30am. If you haven’t returned your form regarding transport and volunteering, then please do so ASAP. Also, lunch orders (with payment) must be returned by March 12 or March 16 for Sausage Sizzle/Noodle orders. Thank you.

The involvement of parents in the Sports Day program is always appreciated as it helps to make the day run smoothly. See you there.

Pupil Free Day
Friday, March 23
Please mark on your calendars that the day following Sports Day will be a Pupil Free Day. The staff will be spending the day at a training session. OSHC will be operating, so please book in early if you need to use OSHC.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

ICAS Competitions
If you would like your child to participate in any of the ICAS competitions (e.g. maths, computing, science, etc.) you need to return your completed registration form no later than next Tuesday, March 6. No applications can be accepted after this date.

Premiers Reading Challenge
It’s on again! It is time to register your interest in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Those students who have been participants from the very beginning will be eligible for a gold medal this year. Students who wish to participate are required to read from a PRC booklist as well as some books of their own choice. Students are able to visit the school library and get assistance in choosing appropriate books.

If your child wishes to participate, please return the enclosed permission slip and Mrs Street will send a reading record home with your child. Once reading is completed the record form needs to be returned to Mrs Street. Happy reading!

Volunteers Cinema Day 2007
The City of Onkaparinga are hosting their annual Cinema Day for volunteers on Monday, May 14 to celebrate National Volunteer Week. This is to say thanks to the generous volunteers who make a positive contribution to others within their communities.

Movies will be screened at Wallis Noarlunga Cinema Centre at 9.30am, 12.30pm, 4.00pm, 7.00pm and 9.00pm. Tickets are free for volunteers who regularly provide service to our school community (one ticket per volunteer only). If you wish to take advantage of this offer, please leave a message at the front office with your name and preferred session time by Monday, March 26. Your ticket and a movie guide will be sent to you in Week 1 of next term.

Uniforms for Kenya
Thank you to those who have donated their old style summer uniforms for the orphanage in Kenya. This is your last chance to bring in any old uniforms you may have at home to donate. Please hand them in at the office next week, marked “Uniforms for Kenya”. Thank you.
Head Lice
At certain times of the year, head lice seem to be more active and unfortunately this is part of school life. Recently we have had a number of children with head lice and letters have been sent home to the relevant classes. Parents are requested to regularly check your child’s hair, and notify the school if necessary. We also request that parents ensure that student’s hair is tied up if it is long, as this will limit transference through direct contact. We would encourage everyone to be vigilant in this area.

Host Families
We are currently looking for two host families for the remainder of the year who would be willing to take either a male or female student. Both students are currently enrolled in our school (Year 3 and Year 5) and have been staying with the Ahn family. However they are now looking for placement in separate homes. If you are interested in having an overseas student, please contact the front office for further details.

I would like to take the opportunity to say a big thank you to our current host families, and know that the children are very much enjoying their stay within Australia. We have appreciated your willingness to be involved in this aspect of the school program.

Lost Property
Daniel Worden lost his blue, leather sandals while playing in the sandpit on Tuesday. If anyone has seen his sandals, can you please return them. Thank you.

FUNDRAISING

Spring Bulbs
It’s time to get our fundraising program started for the year. You have the opportunity to collect orders for Garden Express Spring Bulbs. This is always a popular fundraiser and many families have commented on the beautiful display of flowers they enjoy in spring as a result.

There will be a prize basket for the 2 families who raise the most money. Enclosed you will find a catalogue and order form. All orders and money must be returned to school no later than Friday, March 23. Thank you for your support.

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these.

George Washington Carver

STAFF PROFILE
This week we would like to say welcome to Miss Lisa Jeffery, whom you will find in Classroom 4. Miss Jeffery is very much a local. She was born at Blackwood Hospital and grew up in Woodcroft. She attended the Woodcroft Primary School. Her fondest memory from primary school was being among the first Grade 5 class at Woodcroft Primary when it opened. She says it was very exciting.

Miss Jeffery says she has a passion for teaching and loves children. One of her other interests is cooking (and the staff will all agree that she is a good cook, too). Her favourite food is chocolate and her favourite colour is pink.

Before teaching she worked in Coles on the check-outs and in the bakery and also at Laubman & Pank as an Optical Dispenser. She has taught at Tension Woods College and St Martins Lutheran College, but we are glad that she has decided to join us here at Prescott Southern.
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prescott Panthers
Congratulations to our Prescott Panthers Basketball team who have had a great start to the year with a 63-14 win over Aberfoyle Hub team. Keep it up!

Attention Adventurers
Just a reminder that Adventurers begins again this Saturday evening, March 3 from 6.30-9.00pm. All children aged 5-9 years are invited to come along to Morphett Vale Adventist Church for crafts, stories, music, games and lots of fun.

Pathfinder Update
What’s happening with Pathfinders? For those parents of Pathfinders and anyone interested in joining Pathfinders, there is a meeting on Saturday afternoon, March 3, at 2.30pm in the Church foyer, to discuss the direction that this year’s program will take. It is anticipated that a monthly program will re-commence in the middle of the year. Pathfinders is for children aged 10-16 years with activities designed specifically for this age group.

Football at Pimpala
The Pimpala Primary School are starting up a football program this year. If your child would be interested in joining their team, please contact the coach Anthony Hodge on 0422 040 787.

Soccer Academy
The Academy Program is open to girls and boys from the ages of Under 7 to Under 19 and is based on attendance at one session per week. The program runs from February through to the end of November. The program is designed to help players develop their skills, fitness and game awareness.
Monday nights 6.00-7.30pm
The Cove Sports & Community Club, Oval Road, Hallett Cove. For further information contact Aldo Maricic on 0419 829 883.

Free Information Session
Is your child struggling with learning and reading, can’t concentrate, clumsy, can’t keep their friends? ADHD, ADD, Dyslexia or even Dyspraxia—whether your child has been diagnosed or not, the Dore Program treats the problem.
Get all the facts, attend the free Public Talk at Noarlunga Tennis Club, Panalatinga Road, Old Noarlunga on Tuesday March 13 from 7.00-9.00pm. To reserve your seat call the Dore Program on 1300 557711.

Meningococcal B Vaccine Adolescent Trial
Adolescents aged from 10-12 years are invited to take part in a vaccine study potentially against meningococcal B infection.

The Women’s and Children’s Hospital is conducting a study to evaluate the safety, tolerability and immune response of a new vaccine, which aims to protect against type B meningococcal disease; for which there is currently no licensed vaccine. The study will involve six visits over approximately eight months. All vaccines are provided at no cost and compensation is provided for travel and parking expenses.

For more information please contact study staff on 8361 8117.

FROM REYNELLA SOUTH CANTEEN

Items now available for lunch orders:
Iced buns $1.00  
Fruit buns $1.40  
Apple scrolls $2.20  
Vegemite & Cheese Rolls $1.50

Bread rolls will be available only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, please add 50c to sandwich price list. Now using Bakers Delight low GI white bread and multigrain bread for sandwiches.