From the Principal

We are often reminded as a community about the need to ensure children are receiving adequate food and exercise as part of their program to keep fit and maintain good health. Our brain food time has been a positive for the children as they have been daily enjoying fruit and vegies as part of their school program. As adults responsible for the care of children it is important that we provide opportunities for children to be involved in activities that maximise their personal health and wellbeing. Encouraging children to be active on a regular basis is also an important part of children’s development, and sport often will provide an avenue for this exercise without them realizing just how much exercise they are really doing.

Next week is Sports Day and this provides an opportunity for children to have fun as well as show their skill in this area of the curriculum. For some children Sports Day is a challenge and they are reluctant participants as it is not something that comes easy for them. As a school we encourage all children to have a go and do their best. We would encourage all students to be involved on the day.

Each year we appreciate the commitment of the many volunteers who assist in the running of events on the day. Without your willingness to be involved we would find the day quite a challenge... so thank you to the many helpers who have indicated their willingness to help out on the day.

We look forward to meeting with those of you who are able on this day.

Have a great week

Christine Clark
COMING EVENTS

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

Sports Day
Thursday, March 22
Bowker Street Oval, Brighton

Transport
Children need to be either at school by 8.50am to travel to the oval by school provided bus or be at the oval in time for a 9.30am start, if travelling with parents. At the end of the day, parents must inform teachers before they leave that they are taking their children home.

Volunteers
Thanks to those who have volunteered to assist on sports day. It is still not too late to volunteer, we can use all the help we can get on the day.

Lunch Orders
All lunch orders, with payment, must be handed in by tomorrow, Friday March 16. Family lunch orders are to be collected from your oldest child’s class group. Children are to remain seated with their parents or teacher during the lunch break. They are not to leave the lunch area to go and play.

What to Bring
♦ School Hat
♦ Snack for morning recess
♦ Drink/Water bottle
♦ Lunch (unless ordered)
♦ Students to wear sports uniform

Pupil Free Day
Friday, March 23
Just a reminder that the day following sports day, Friday March 23, is a Pupil Free Day. OSHC will be operating, so please make sure you have booked to avoid missing out on a place.

Open Day
Tuesday, March 27
Classrooms will be open from 9.00 –11.00am. If you know of anyone interesting in viewing our school, then invite them along for Open Day.

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. If you wish to make an appointment, please complete the enclosed form with your preferred time and return to school no later than Monday, March 26. Some times slots are very popular and requests cannot always be accommodated, but we will do our best. An appointment card, with your appointed time, will be enclosed in the next newsletter.

Parents of students in Classroom 5 & 6 please note that your interviews with Mrs Meyles or Mr Warman will be held one week later, on Wednesday, April 11 (due to the class camp in Week 10).

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Fees Reminder
Term 1 fees are now due, it would be appreciated if you could finalise these as soon as possible.

OSHC fees need to be paid fortnightly even though the balance is transferred to your school fee account.

Uniform accounts need to be paid at the front office on the same day as purchases are made. Thank you for your cooperation.

Vacation Care
The Vacation Care program for the next holidays has been included with this newsletter. Booking forms and excursion consent forms are included. These need to be completed and returned to secure your child a place at Vacation Care. Bookings are essential and should be returned as soon as possible. Thank you.

Book Club
The latest Book Club catalogues have been enclosed in this newsletter. All orders need to be returned (with payment enclosed) to school by Monday, March 26. If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to Prescott Primary Southern, not Scholastic. If paying by credit card, please follow the instructions on the coupon on the back page of the catalogue. Through your support of the Book Club program we have been able to obtain sets of readers for the Junior Primary classes.
Volunteers Cinema Day
Each year The City of Onkaparinga host a cinema day for volunteers who contribute their time to their communities. This year the cinema day will be held on Monday, May 14 at the Wallis Noarlunga Cinema Centre, at 9.30am, 12.30pm, 4.00pm, 7.00pm & 9.00pm.

If you regularly volunteer and would like to take advantage of this offer (one free ticket per volunteer only), please leave a message at the front office with your name and preferred session time. Requests for a ticket must be received by Monday, March 26. Your ticket and a movie guide will be sent to you early next term.

EdAlive Computer Software Offer
Our school is participating in the all new “Gear Up for Success 2007” Community Software Plan (CSP) from EdAlive. Each BRAINtastic! title is a complete learning system that expands as other BRAINtastic! titles are added. The current subject area being released is Word Skills. Through the CSP parents have access to award-winning educational software for only $10 per title.

Accompanying this newsletter is an information leaflet profiling the award-winning EdAlive range. Please consider investing in one or more of these products. The home computer is a powerful educational tool and with these EdAlive titles your children can learn while they play. Our school will receive $10 in EdAlive Discount Vouchers for every $10 title ordered. Please return orders to the school by Friday, March 30. Demo versions of the AdAlive products can be downloaded from www.edalive.com.

From Mrs Crowe
Assistance is needed from parents and families to make this year’s Wakakirri production a success. There are items you may be able to donate to use for building sets. Also help is needed for making of costumes. Please see the enclosed sheet for a list of items that are needed. If you are able to help, please complete the fill-in form at the bottom of the sheet and return to school ASAP. Thank you for your support.

Found
A ring was found in the playground. If you have misplaced a ring, or think that it might be yours, please see Mrs Peterson, who is looking after it.

Premiers Reading Challenge
Just a reminder for those who wish to participate in this year’s Premier Reading Challenge to get your completed forms to Mrs Street ASAP. She will then send you a reading record and you can get started on your reading.

From Prescott College
Enrolments 2008
Attention parents of children in Year 7. If you wish your child to attend Prescott College in 2008, especially if they have siblings at the College, you should ensure that enrolments are completed before the end of Term 1, to secure a guaranteed place at the College next year.

Open Day
On Sunday, May 6, come along to Prescott College, Koonga Ave, Prospect for Open Day. Meet the teachers in their classrooms. Tour the facilities. All visitors welcome between 1.00-4.00pm.

FUNDRAISING

Spring Bulbs
Thank you to those who have already returned orders for the Spring Bulb Fundraiser. Don’t miss your opportunity to have a beautiful garden in spring, and share this opportunity with your family and friends. There is a prize basket for the 2 families who raise the most money. All orders and money must be returned to school no later than Friday, March 23. Thank you for your support.

Mothers Day Donations
Planning has already commenced for our annual Mothers Day Stall which will be held in May. If you have any items that you could donate that could be sold on the Mothers Day Stall, please leave them at the front office before the end of term. Thank you.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be Alarmed!
The SA Fire Services is promoting the end of daylight saving, Sunday March 25, as a time to replace batteries in smoke alarms, as this should be done annually to ensure household safety. It is also important to test your smoke alarms regularly by pressing the test button with a broom handle. Remember only working smoke alarms save lives!
Public Health Notice
There has been an increase in the number of cases of illness caused by the organism Cryptosporidium. This is an infection of the bowel, caused by a number of parasites that may be found in humans and in a range of domesticated animals.

The main symptom is gastroenteritis with symptoms including diarrhoea and stomach cramps. Infection is spread from infected people or animals or by drinking or swimming in contaminated water. It must be taken in by the mouth to cause infection.

To reduce the risk of contracting or spreading cryptosporidiosis people should avoid child care, school or work for 48 hours after symptoms have ceased. Follow good hygiene procedures such as washing hands thoroughly (especially if handling animals) and showering before entering pools. For more advice, please contact the Dept of Health on 8226 7110 or your local council.

Bicycle Storage and Safety
Sturt police have identified an increase in the theft of bicycles, particularly from schools in recent weeks. They are encouraging bicycle users to ensure that their bikes are securely stored when not in use. The simplest and most important way to deter thieves is to have a good quality lock for your bicycle and never leave your bicycle unlocked in a public place (including while it is parked at school).

Uniforms for Kenya
A big thank you to all those who have donated old uniforms for the orphanage in Kenya. These will be put to good use. If you happen to find more old uniforms they can still be left at school, but no later than the end of March. Thank you.

Kenya Fundraiser
The Brighton Adventist Church (Amelia Street, Hove) will be holding a fundraiser on March 17 from 7.00pm. Entrance fee is a gold coin donation. Throughout the evening we will be playing games, auctioning off items with proceeds going toward Kenya. Please bring a plate of finger food and an item to be auctioned. For further information please contact Juanita Cahill on 8384 7686 or Daniela Stahl on 8298 3716. Everyone welcome.

FROM MORPHETT VALE CHURCH

Old Fashioned Games Night
Saturday, March 31
You are invited to come along to the Morphett Vale Church Hall on Saturday evening, March 31 for a games night. The program will commence at 6.00pm with a short worship service, followed by free soup and buns. Please bring a plate of cake, fruit or nibbles to share. Drinks will be for sale. Games will follow until approx. 9.00pm. There will be games of all types and for all ages. We would love to see you there for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Adventurers
Please note that the next meeting would be scheduled for April 7, but this is Easter and therefore there won’t be an Adventurers meeting in April. However, all Adventurers and their families are invited to come along the week before, March 31, to the Games Night in the Hall. This evening is brought to you by the Morphett Vale church social committee and everyone is welcome. So Adventurers bring your family for an evening of fun and games for all ages.

Funky Hair Day
Today was Funky Hair Day where everyone had the opportunity to wear an outrageous hairdo and raise money for the Worlds Greatest Shave campaign for the Leukaemia Foundation. Here’s some participants: