From the Principal

National Safe Schools’ Week represents the culmination of activities that have been developed by schools around Australia through the National Safe Schools’ Framework. The 2007 National Safe Schools Week will be celebrated from Friday May 25 to Friday June 1 this year. The theme for the 2007 National Safe Schools’ Week is “Creating safe and happy schools—free from bullying”. This year as a school we have introduced the program Friendly Schools Friendly Families. This program focuses on developing the social skills of students within the school to assist them in making friends and supporting one another in the playground. It also encourages them not to be bystanders, but rather report incidents that are occurring in the school that are hurtful to others.

On Wednesday, May 30 our school will join with other schools across Australia and share a common element of participation in the National Safe Schools Week by undertaking one of the National Activities.

I trust you will find the booklet “Friendly Families” helpful in assisting your child in developing appropriate behaviours both in the treatment of others and their response when others have hurt them. Another resource that may be helpful for you as parents is the website Bullying, No Way!

As a school we work hard to make our school free from bullying and we need your support in assisting your children to report events to the teachers, which in turn enables us to act on the events and assist children in resolving their differences. There are times when children do not share events that have happened with the teachers, but rather wait until they get home to their parents. This is particularly the case with younger children. It is important for parents to pass on to the school any information about events that needs to be followed up at the school level. This way we can make our school a safe environment for all students.

Jesus while on this earth displayed through His Life the appropriate treatment of others through appreciating all He came in contact with. As a school we want to encourage our students to follow His example and value one another. Thank you for supporting us as a school in assisting the children to show respect to one another.

Have a great week.

Christine Clark
**COMING EVENTS**

**Volunteer Training Session**
Just a reminder that for those parents who volunteer their time at the school there is a Volunteer Training Session being held next Monday, May 28 at 7.30pm in the Library. If you haven’t already attended one of these sessions, now is your chance.

**Science Week Activities**

**Monday, May 28—Thursday May 31**

**Science Fair**
In Week 5 Prescott Southern is holding a Science Fair giving the students the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities. One of these activities is the opportunity to present an entry into the Science Fair. All entries must be submitted by Monday, May 28. The categories include:
- Reception—Year 2 Info model
- Year 3—Year 4 Interactive model
- Year 5—Year 7 Experiment-Investigate a scientific question

On Tuesday, May 29 we will hold our Move It Science Show. All Science Fair entries will be on display.

**Careers Day**
We have special guests visiting our school on Wednesday, May 30 to speak to the students about different careers in Science. The Reception—Year 3 classes will hear from a Vet and the Years 4—7 classes will be visited by a Doctor. This will give the students an opportunity to learn about possible careers in the field of Science.

**Carnival Day**
On Thursday, May 31 a variety of activities have been planned as part of our Carnival Day. Students are also invited to come in Fancy Dress as a famous scientist. We would encourage parents to help their child find a creative way to celebrate science through fancy dress.

**Transition Students Begin**
On Friday, June 1 a group of new reception students will begin their transition program in preparation to begin school full-time from next term. We welcome these new students and their families.

**Reference Committees**
If you are a member of a Reference Committee please note the dates for your next meeting. The dates are as follows:
- Fundraising Committee June 6 7.30pm
- G & T Committee June 12 7.30pm
- Property Development June 26 7.30pm

**Pupil Free Day**
Please mark your calendars—Friday, June 8 is a Pupil Free Day. OSHC will be operating, bookings are essential.

**FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

From Mrs Crowe

**Hungry Animals**
The guinea pigs and the rabbit in the Science Room have big appetites. If you could send along veggie scraps such as lettuce, carrots, pumpkin, greens etc. they would appreciate it very much.

**Wakakirri Helpers**
Mrs Crowe is looking for donations of Mexican hats, milk bottles, cowboy hats and portable wardrobe racks on wheels.

Also parents wishing to help with painting of props for Wakakirri are invited to meet Fridays after school (during rehearsal time) in the room next to the Uniform Shop (adjacent to OSHC). This week we are painting Mexican hats in yellow for our sun costumes. Thank you for any assistance you can give.

**Baby News**
Mrs Renee Possingham and her husband, Brad are expecting their first baby in late September. She will be at school until the end of Term 2. We wish Mrs Possingham all the best.

Pastor Dallas O’Connor and his wife Karen had a baby boy last Friday, May 11. His name is Brayden James and he weighed in at 7lbs. A brother for Shannon. Best wishes to their family.
**FUNDRAISING**

**Mothers Day Stall**
A big thank you to those parents who gave of their time to help run the Mothers Day Stall last week. Thank you to those who supported the fundraising program by purchasing a gift. We trust you had a great Mothers Day.

**Recyclables and Used Stamps**
Just a reminder to keep bringing in your 5c refundables and place in the orange bin, as well as your used stamps, which can be left at the front office. Every bit helps.

Watch this space for the next exciting fundraiser!

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Wirreanda High School Open Day**
Prospective students and their parents are invited to our Open Day on Sunday, May 20 from 1.00pm-5.00pm. The day will also incorporate a celebration of our 30 Year Anniversary. Formal celebrations including afternoon tea will commence at 3.30pm. Tours of the school will be conducted from 1.00-3.00pm. A special sport course presentation will be held in the new gymnasium at 2.00pm. For more information please call Sue Bogumil on 8329 7259 or Jackie Newman on 8382 9555.

**Peter Dixon Band**
This award winning Christian contemporary band is returning to Morphett Vale again this year to share their music. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy what they have to share.

*Worship Concert*—Friday, May 25 at 7.30pm in Morphett Vale Adventist Church

*Bush Night*—Saturday, May 26 from 7.00pm in the Hall. Tickets at the door from 6.30pm. Adults $7.50, Student/Senior $5, Family $25. Refreshments including pizza, cakes, drinks will be available for purchase. Come for a night of great music, fun and fellowship.

**Puppy Needs a Home**
The Pinter family need to find a new home for their 5 month old German shorthaired pointer puppy. Milo needs a family with big kids (over 7) who can play and run with him everyday. He is trained, very well behaved and loves other dogs. If anyone would like to adopt him please call Alex Pinter on 0416 310 384.

**ANIMALS IN THE SCHOOL**

Classroom 9 which is the Science & Music Room is home to a wide variety of animals. The students enjoy spending time playing with and caring for the animals. This gives them the opportunity to learn about the responsibility of caring for animals.

Among the animals that can be found in Classroom 9 are crabs, lizards, caterpillars, fish and tadpoles, even spiders and ant. And of course, the favourites are the rabbit and guinea pigs.
Resilient Kids are Resourceful Kids

If you want children to be resourceful then you need to place them in the position to develop their resources. This can be tough because a parent’s natural instinct is to care for, nurture and even protect children and young people.

When you provide the space and opportunity for children to solve their own problems and difficulties then you give them the chance to grow and develop the skills necessary to cope.

A recent national television advertisement showed a mother taking a forgotten lunch to her child in school. The advertisement presented this woman as the epitome of caring motherhood. However this mother robbed her child of an opportunity to resolve a problem himself.

It is amazing how children can resolve many of their own difficulties when we stand back a little and give them the chance. It is by learning to deal with life’s minor hardships that children and young people develop the skills and tools to cope with some of the bigger challenges that can come their way.

Research indicates that resilient children are generally independent, resourceful individuals with effective social skills. They can also draw on past experiences when they meet with difficulties. By protecting them from life’s smaller hassles adults rob children and young people of opportunities to promote personal resilience.

Promoting Resilience

You promote resilience in children and young people when you:

1. Maintain a close, loving relationship
2. Have positive expectations for their future
3. Encourage active participation in family life

Using you R & I

When children come to you with a problem or minor difficulty that you know they can handle invite them to apply their R & I— their Resourcefulness and Initiative. Like everything else their R & I needs to be exercised if it is to develop.

“Good timber does not grow with ease. The stronger the wind the stronger the trees.”
Williard Marriott

“Kids can walk around trouble if they have some place to walk to and someone to walk with.”
McLaughlin

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