From the Principal

Throughout this week the children have really enjoyed the various activities organised by Mrs Crowe for Science Week. The Science show on Tuesday was extremely engaging for both staff and students. Thank you for your support as parents in helping the children prepare for the Science Fair. The projects are of a great quality... well done to all involved.

A group of Reception children will begin school this Friday with their first transition day and will be full time in Term 3. We welcome them to our school community and look forward to getting to know them and their families.

On Wednesday I attended an in-service with Mrs Goding and Mrs Peterson on the implementation of the new All REDI for the Early Years of Schooling resource. The program outlines the social and emotional competencies we need to explicitly teach in the early years to assist children in their overall socio-emotional growth. The research shows that the development of resilience and social and emotional learning are valuable protective factors that will prevent or minimise current and future life stressors. Being resilient involves “the inherent and nurtured capacity of individuals to deal with life stressors in ways that enable them to lead healthy and fulfilling lives” (Howard and Johnson 1999).

At the presentation a poem was shared that I feel carries a message for all of us involved in working with children that I would like to share with you. As a parent of adult children you at times think back and reflect...

If I had my children to raise again
I’d build self-esteem sooner and a house later
I’d finger paint more and point the finger less
I would do less correcting and more connecting
I’d take my eyes off my watch and watch with my eyes more

I’d do more hugging and less tugging
I’d stop playing serious and seriously play more
I’d see the oak tree in the acorn more
I’d be firm less often and affirm much more
I’d think less about the love of power and more about the power of love.

(author unknown)

Enjoy your week with your children.

Christine Clark
COMING EVENTS

Science Week Parade
Tomorrow, Friday June 1, our Science Week will be concluding with a parade of all those students who come in fancy dress. Each student has the opportunity to come dressed as their favourite famous scientist. The parade will commence at 10.30am and then the winners of the Science Fair will be announced.

Reference Committees
Dates for the upcoming Reference Committee meetings are:
Library Committee                 June 4 at  9.00am
Fundraising Committee          June 6 at  7.30pm
G & T Committee                  June 12 at 7.30pm
Property Development           June 26 at 7.30pm
OSHC Committee                  June 27 at 9.00am

Pupil Free Day
Just a reminder that there is a Pupil Free Day on Friday, June 8. OSHC will be operating, but bookings are essential.

SRC Theme Day—Odd Socks Day
Thursday, June 7
The SRC has decided to celebrate Odd Socks Day, to raise money for the Royal Society for the Blind, on Thursday, June 7.

For just a gold coin donation, students may come to school dressed in their sports uniform and odd socks.

A competition will also be held for the Reception-Year 2 classes (colouring-in competition) and Year 3-7 classes (design your own “Support Odd Socks Day” badge). The SRC will choose one winner from each class. Colouring-in pages and blank badge paper will be supplied to those students who wish to participate.

We look forward to your involvement on this day.
Jessi-Leigh Webster & Cameron Lowe
(SRC President/SRC Secretary)

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Book Club
The latest catalogue from Scholastic Book Club is enclosed. All orders must be returned by Wednesday, June 13, with correct money enclosed. If paying by cheque, please make cheque payable to Prescott Primary Southern, not Scholastic. If paying by credit card, please follow the instructions on the back page of the catalogue. Thank you for your support of the Book Club program as it earns valuable points for our school. These points can then be used to obtain resources for the school.

From the Library
Mrs Little would like everyone to check at home, in the car, in their bags etc. for any outstanding library books. If you have a library book that needs to be returned, please do so ASAP. When books are returned on time other students can enjoy them as well.

Also, just to let the members of the Library Committee know that a meeting has been scheduled for Monday, June 4 at 9.00am. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Shoeboxes Needed
Classroom 5 are in need of empty shoeboxes. If you have any at home that are no longer needed, can you please send them to school. Thank you.

Classroom Fundraising Lunches
Our Classroom Lunches are off to a good start again this year. Order forms are sent home each week in your child’s communication book/diary and need to be returned no later than Wednesday. Please note that there are no canteen lunch orders on Thursday during this term (only noodles etc. from Kids Canteen).

We would appreciate any help with donations of food items, money or your time when your child’s class has their turn at lunches. Your support is always appreciated.
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

From Morphett Vale Church

Adventurers
This Saturday night, June 2, from 6.30 –9.00pm in the Church foyer. All children aged 5-9 years are invited to come along and join in the fun. There is singing, stories, craft and games. Looking forward to seeing our regular Adventurers and anyone else who might be interested.

Fiesta! Where Kids are Fired Up About Jesus
It’s on again! This year we are going Mexican! Join us at Fiesta, where kids are fired up about Jesus. You will find plenty of action with Bible crafts, exciting games, thrilling Bible stories. You will hear unforgettable music and get to sample tasty snacks.

Fiesta is for children of primary school age. Cost is $3 per session per child (third child or more free). Vacation Care children can attend from OSHC. For details see flyer enclosed.

Young Authors Night
Any students in Years 5-7 who are interested in becoming writers or want to learn about improving their skills at writing are invited to the Young Authors Night at St Peters College, Hackney Road, Hackney on Wednesday, June 20.

The guest speaker is Fiona McIntosh, one of Australia’s best selling fantasy authors. After her presentation the young authors break into small groups where they read their work. Each group is led by a published SA writer who gives comment and encouragement.

If you are interested in attending, please see Mrs Meyles for a nomination form.

Want to Join Guides?
Would you like to make new friends, go to exciting places, and enjoy new experiences?
Have you ever been camping, hiking, rock climbing, sailing or cooked on a fire?
Do you enjoy the outdoors, arts and crafts, singing, playing games and having fun with others?
Guides have heaps of activities for 5-18 year old girls. Come and join Guides! For more information on your local area, phone Trish on 8382 2245.

Foster Carers Needed
Anglicare is in urgent need of foster carers who are able to provide homes for siblings. Can you give brothers and sisters a home? Call Rowena at Anglicare on 8265 2185. Training and support provided. Costs reimbursed and will not affect Centrelink payments. Singles, couples, families, retirees—please call us.

Blue Light Movie/Disco
Presented by the South Coast Community Program, all kids aged 5-12 years are invited to “Shrek” at Noarlunga Cinema Complex on Friday, July 6 from 6.45—10.00pm. Tickets are $12.50 and can be purchased at the door.

The next Movie/Disco is on July 20 “Firehouse Dog”.

Pottery Classes
Wakefield House Pottery Studio provides affordable and accessible pottery classes to the community and groups in a relaxed and friendly environment. The studio is staffed by two tertiary qualified potters/ceramicists.

Adult classes are held Wednesday & Friday 9.30am-12.30pm and Tuesday 6.30-9.00pm. $10 per session. Bookings essential. School holiday sessions are also held for children. For details please call Helen on 8384 6158 at Wakefield House Community Centre, 65 Acre Ave, Morphett Vale.

Food for Animals
Don’t forget to bring any veggie scraps you may have for the guinea pigs and rabbit in the Science Room. They have a healthy appetite and love things like lettuce, carrots, pumpkin, greens etc.
**Heartprints**

Whatever our hands touch -
We leave fingerprints!
On walls, on furniture,
On doorknobs, dishes, books.
There’s no escape.
As we touch we leave our identity.

Wherever I go today
Help me leave heartprints!
Heartprints of compassion
Of understanding and love.

Heartprints of kindness
And genuine concern.
May my heart touch a lonely neighbour
Or a runaway daughter
Or an anxious mother
Or perhaps an aged grandfather.

Send me out today
To leave heartprints.
And if someone should say,
“I felt your touch,”
May they also sense the love
That is deep within my heart.

Author Unknown

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**SCIENCE FAIR**

Don’t forget to come dressed as your favourite famous scientist tomorrow. There will be a parade at 10.30am and then prizes will be awarded to the winners of the Science Fair. Below are just a few of the Science Fair entrants. Well done to everyone who entered.

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